House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting 2022 Regular Session May 31, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative John M. Stefanski, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative John M. Stefanski, chairman

Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaullieu, IV

Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.

Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel

Representative Royce Duplessis, vice chairman

Representative Les Farnum

Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry

Representative Dodie Horton

Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.

Representative Michael T. Johnson

Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe

Representative Rodney Lyons

Representative Candace N. Newell

Representative Polly Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Barry Ivey Representative Tanner D. Magee Representative Malinda B. White

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst Lorrianne Lucas, attorney Rosalie Ammersbach, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

John Harrington, clerk Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 45 by Senator McMath

Senator McMath presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 45, which creates a task force to study national best practice models for the efficient and effective administration of state transportation departments.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 45 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 45 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaullieu, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 46 by Senator McMath

Senator McMath presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 46, which creates a task force to study fees for electric vehicles.

Charles Barjon II, Sierra Club Delta Chapter, 6040 Oxford Place, New Orleans, LA, (562) 922-9964, spoke in opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 46.

Representative Lyons offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 46 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 46 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaullieu, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

The committee recessed at 10:46 a.m. The committee reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 121 by Representative Jordan

On behalf of Representative Jordan, Representative Duplessis presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 121, which creates the Task Force on African American Suicide Rates.

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Representative Duplessis offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 121 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 121 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaullieu, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Representative Newell in the chair.

House Resolution No. 180 by Representative Wright

On behalf of Representative Wright, Representative Deshotel presented House Resolution No. 180, which requests the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure to study issues surrounding the acceptance of campaign contributions in the form of crypto-currency.

Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 219-5600, spoke for information only on House Resolution No. 180.

Representative Beaullieu offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 180 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 180 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaullieu, Wilford Carter, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

Chairman Stefanski in the chair.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 129 by Representative Crews

On behalf of Representative Crews, Representative Deshotel presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 129, which requests a study concerning improving conditions regarding line-of-sight issues caused by columns in legislative committee rooms in the state capitol building.

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 129 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 129 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaullieu, Wilford Carter, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Consideration of changes to the campaign finance disclosure reporting forms, instructions, and summaries from the Board of Ethics in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure

Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 219-5600, discussed the proposed changes to the campaign finance disclosure reporting forms, instructions, and summaries based on legislation enacted during the 2021 Regular Session. Copies of these documents are in the committee records labeled Exhibit A.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to approve new forms, subject to correction of Orleans parish-wide offices being major offices. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Deshotel, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Beaullieu, Wilford Carter, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Newell, and Thomas voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman John M. Stefanski

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Date adopted: September 15, 2022